

Medical Center—the Army's second largest medical treatment facility. They lay claim to an inspiring and influential past, only to be surpassed by a great future, full of potential, full of bravery, and full of patriotism.

Mr. Speaker, our country owes Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the brave women and men working there an insurmountable debt of gratitude. On the 100-year anniversary of its historic founding, I want to say thank you for the past century of protection, hope, and comradery coming out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

HONORING MITCHELL HUSTON FOR  
HIS 2ND PLACE FINISH AT THE  
NATIONAL SPEECH DEBATE  
TOURNAMENT

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Mitchell Huston, on his 2nd Place finish at the National Speech and Debate Tournament that took place in Birmingham, Alabama June 17–24, 2017.

Mitchell, who is a junior at Jefferson City High School, performed a piece entitled: "Not a Genuine Black Man," by Brian Copeland. Mitchell chose this piece because of the important message it instills about the need for our society to be accepting of all races and creeds. Throughout his performance, Mitchell portrayed Brian Copeland's life story that involved years of criticism about his status in the African American community and eventually how Copeland confronted stigma and successfully overcame it. To make it to the National Tournament, Mitchell took 3rd place in the St. Louis District Tournament and at the National Speech and Debate Tournament, Mitchell placed 2nd in the prose category.

To receive 2nd Place at the competition was a great accomplishment for Mitchell. As this was Mitchell's first year on the Jefferson City High Debate Team, Mitchell's coach, Jordan Hart, was especially excited with this accomplishment. While competing during the national competition, Mitchell exhibited humility and as he continued to excel, he gave the glory of his success to God. Besides his participation with the debate team, Mitchell is also a member of the Jefferson City High School football team and participates in several other extra-curricular activities.

I ask you to join me in congratulating Mitchell Huston on his 2nd Place finish at the National Speech and Debate Tournament. The commitment he has shown to the Jefferson City High School Debate team is a commendable accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL DEACON  
MADDOX FOR HIS SERVICE TO  
THE PEOPLE OF THE 9TH DIS-  
TRICT AND THE NATION

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2017*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the dedicated service of Colonel

Deacon Maddox, commander of Letterkenny Army Depot.

Since his arrival in August of 2015, Colonel Maddox has brought the finest elements of the U.S. Army Warrior Ethos to bear on the task of revitalizing operations at Letterkenny Army Depot. Through his innovative leadership, Colonel Maddox has brought about substantial and lasting changes that have cemented Letterkenny's place as the premier defense industrial facility in the nation for decades to come.

Throughout his career as an Army officer, Colonel Maddox has exemplified the finest traditions of this nation's armed forces. His tenure at the helm of Letterkenny has been marked by an unshakeable commitment to the men and women under his command, and his work to improve the efficacy and production at the depot has made this nation safer and more secure.

Let no one make the mistake of underestimating the role of America's organic industrial base. Our depots and arsenals work tirelessly to put the weapons and equipment in the hands of the warfighter, and the labor being done in the heart of Pennsylvania saves lives in lands far from home. That would not be possible without the steadfast guidance of leaders like Colonel Deacon Maddox.

In his time at Letterkenny Army Depot, Colonel Maddox has done more than simply steer the installation towards greater success—he has also become a welcome part of the Franklin County community. From his engagement with local officials to his collaboration with Team Letterkenny, Colonel Maddox has been a valued member of the 9th District. It has been an honor to work with him, and his presence will be missed in Franklin County.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 9th District, I want to thank Colonel Deacon Maddox for his selfless service, and for working so hard to protect both the American warfighter and the dedicated workforce at Letterkenny Army Depot. Though Colonel Maddox's time at Letterkenny Army Depot may be over, the impact he has made to improve the installation and the lives of its employees will be felt for decades to come.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBU-  
TIONS OF THE DENVER PRESS  
CLUB, A NATIONAL TREASURE  
CELEBRATING ITS 150TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2017*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, one year after Colorado became the 38th state, in 1877 a group of Denver journalists formed the nation's first press club. Now celebrating its 150th Anniversary, the Denver Press Club is significant to our community and our country in a number of ways.

What started as a means for frontier-town rival reporters to play poker, tap into a barrel of Taos Lightning whiskey and debate the news of the day became a magnet for some of the most famous names in the field, defenders of the First Amendment and strong advocates for the values of journalism that are so critical to our democracy.

In its early years, the club met in various spots, including the "cyclone cellar" of Wolfe Londoner's grocery store before he was elected mayor of Denver, a term cut short due to a scandal that his journalist friends covered with gusto. He was later elected president of the Colorado State Press Association.

As the club grew, it met in local hotels, among them the prestigious and famous Brown Palace. The club's own prestige increased as it brought national speakers and performers to Denver, awarded honorary membership to several U.S. presidents, brought the International League of Press Clubs to Denver in 1906 and served an instrumental role in elevating Denver's profile and meeting the needs of national media when the city hosted the 1908 National Democratic Convention.

A permanent home for the club was built with the help of an architect team that included the designer of the Denver Public Library, Daniels & Fisher department store and Red Rocks Amphitheater. In 1986, this structure was named a Historic Landmark, and the Society for Professional Journalists designated the club a "significant historical place in journalism" in 2008. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places this year.

Oh, and of course the building includes a card room, home to one of the oldest card games in Denver.

But the Denver Press Club's nearly 500 members do a lot more than play games and socialize, though. They work to strengthen and promote journalism while educating the public on matters that reflect the importance of empowered and free media.

Through the years, the membership has included renowned reporters, editors, cartoonists, and authors, several of them Pulitzer Prize winners, who made their mark in the pursuit that has long been the watchword of many journalists: comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable.

Among the luminaries on The Denver Press Club's historic roster was Damon Runyon, for whom the club has named its cornerstone award, given to people whose careers have embodied his style and verve. Recipients have included Molly Ivins, Tim Russert, Jill Abramson, Frank Deford, Katie Couric, Carl Hiassen, Bob Costas and many others.

The club also awards scholarships in Runyon's name to Colorado's top journalism students, as well as a separate award in coordination with the University of Colorado Boulder for outstanding crime reporting that's named for the late Al Nakkula, who was on the police beat for decades. These activities and others serve to raise awareness of what good journalism means to Colorado and the United States. And that cause is more relevant now than ever, amid vast changes to the media landscape in recent years and new, unexpected challenges.

The Denver Press Club has long played its part in shining a light on our city and helping democracy thrive. As it celebrates its sesquicentennial, I am proud and honored to congratulate the club's members on its legacy, and to wish them all the best in the future.

HAPPY GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO HON. AND MRS. DAN AND MARTHA MICA

### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2017*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an occasion that marks the 50th wedding anniversary of two individuals who not only have committed their lives together in marriage but also in the service of our great nation.

The Honorable Daniel A. Mica served as a member of this Chamber, in the 96th and the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979 through January 3, 1989) initially representing Florida's 11th and then subsequently, 14th District. Mr. Mica and his wife, Martha Fry Mica met while students at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, and were married on August 12, 1967 at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mr. Mica's brother, John L. Mica, also a former member of this Chamber, served as the best man. Mr. Mica's friends, Richard McBride and John Sargent, served as groomsmen. Mrs. Mica's friend, Karen McClary Cakouros, served as the maid of honor, her sister, Mary Alice Fry, served as bridesmaid and her brother, Stephen Fry, served as lector.

As a result of their interest in public service, the newly-married couple began working together on the campaign of Honorable Paul G. Rogers. Mr. Mica later served as Chief of Staff to Mr. Rogers, and succeeded him, serving five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, working tirelessly for Floridians and all Americans. Subsequently, Mr. Mica worked more than two decades in the world of advocacy and association management. Mrs. Mica, while raising four children, received her juris doctorate degree from George Mason University and co-founded a landscape design business. Over the years, they have given generously of their time by serving on the boards of non-profit charitable organizations and as members of their Catholic parish.

Now living in Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Mica continue to serve through their charitable work. They are proud parents and grandparents. The four children and five grandchildren are Christine Mica, of Alexandria, Virginia; Daniel A. "Andrew" Mica, Jr., his wife Elizabeth "Libby" Davies Mica, and their children Elin and Owen, of Belmont, Massachusetts; Caroline Mica Jolly, husband Frank Mosley Jolly, III, and their children Martha Jeanne, Gentry and Edward, of Alexandria, Virginia; and Paul Anthony Mica, of San Diego, California.

Born in Hannibal, Missouri, Martha Fry Mica is the daughter of Anna Marie Wagner Fry and Gentry Schultz Fry. Martha has six siblings, Susan Fry Lochrie, William Fry, Roger Fry, Stephen Fry, Mary Alice Fry, and Tracy Fry Rothaus.

Daniel Andrew Mica was born in Binghamton, New York. He is the son of John Mica and Adeline Rose Resciniti Mica. Dan has three siblings John L. Mica, Adeline "Cookie" Mica Downing, and David R. Mica.

Admired and loved by their family and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mica demonstrate tremendous generosity and love of country.

Therefore, I am pleased to congratulate them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHNNY MARINES

### HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2017*

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Johnny Marines.

Mr. Marines is actively involved in the betterment of his community, the Los Angeles region, and in neighborhoods across our great nation.

Mr. Marines has been recognized by countless local leaders in both New York and California for his tremendous support to the community and dedication to assisting those in need.

Mr. Marines, a native of the Lower East Side of New York, has been a great force in the rise of the popular Latin American group, *Aventura* and more recently, *bachata* star, *Romeo Santos*.

Johnny Marines founded JME, a diversified entertainment and media company with ventures in integrating music, film, television and philanthropy.

Johnny has made it his mission to grow the number of opportunities for Latino musical artists to be successful and make an impact on the community that listens to these artists.

Before becoming involved in the music industry, Mr. Marines dedicated his life to protecting and serving New York City residents. He attended John Jay College School of Criminal Justice until he was recruited by the NYPD on August 30, 1993.

In March 1994, Johnny graduated from the New York Police Academy in the top 10 percent of his class. Mr. Marines was promoted to the rank of sergeant in March 2003, retiring with that rank in February 2009.

He has not forgotten his humble roots and the neighborhood that had a profound impact on his upbringing.

Mr. Marines has committed to dedicating his time and resources to give back to his community.

Mr. Marines has worked with elected officials and music groups to provide holiday dinners to needy families, ship food and supplies to struggling families in the Dominican Republic, and visit sick children in hospitals in an effort to lift their spirits.

Mr. Marines has led the way in helping others in California in the City and County of Los Angeles, focusing on assisting Angelenos with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Marines has established himself as a leader and a charitable American utilizing his talents to create unique opportunities for all ages to thrive and impact the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Johnny Marines and applauding his contributions and philanthropic endeavors.

### RECOGNIZING THE 2017 VETERAN COMMENDATION RECIPIENTS

### HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2017*

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2017 Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 16th District of Illinois.

The eight veterans receiving this commendation represent the best of the brave men and women who serve our country. These veterans answered their country's call during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. As a veteran myself, it is incredibly humbling to not only represent these heroes in Congress, but also to have the opportunity to honor them for their patriotism and sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

After their military service to our country, these veterans came home to serve their communities. They are civic leaders, active citizens, and many continue to serve their military brothers and sisters through veteran service organizations. Although their mission has changed since returning to civilian life, their leadership and tenacity remains steadfast.

It is truly an honor to recognize the recipients of the 2017 Congressional Veteran Commendation: Sergeant David S. Buennemeyer of Marseilles, IL; Private First Class William J. Butzen of Ottawa, IL; Captain Thomas M. Craig of Streator, IL; Chief Petty Officer Irving F. DeWald of Coal City, IL; Chief Warrant Officer Four John "Jack" A. Leininger of Marseilles, IL; Master Sergeant Ashley "Dave" C. Davis of Rockford, IL; Sergeant Kelly Frey of Kankakee, IL; Sergeant Steven M. Huettemann of Morris, IL; Staff Sergeant Wm. Walter Lochbaum of Streator, IL; Sergeant Alan D. Love of Morris, IL; Petty Officer Third Class James A. Rissman of Sheridan, IL; Petty Officer Third Class Robert T. Rogers of Morris, IL; Specialist Four Randal E. Rosengren of Ottawa, IL; Sergeant Eric W. Sampson of Morris, IL; and Airman Third Class Timothy K. Stratton of Poplar Grove, IL.

Again, I am truly honored to be able to recognize these distinguished veterans from my district. I thank and acknowledge not only their service and sacrifice but also that of their families and loved ones. The recipients of this commendation serve as the embodiment of both military and civil service, and it is my hope they will inspire the next generation of great American leaders.

### HONORING CAPTAIN TODD FLANNERY'S TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND HIS HONORABLE RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2017*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Captain Todd Flannery on his retirement from the United States Navy after 28 years of faithful service to our country. An esteemed and respected